Historic Meetings with London Statesmen on
First Visit Broke Up So-Called Continental Alliance, and Brought England
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have a falled to secure an approach
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as a signst peace had she been reppon which he altered his personal
reserved by any other statesman
viewpoint during the negotiations. than Woodrow Wilson.

another were these:

discussion the story of the "conver-sion" of Downing street, at the end of last December, to the President during the visit to London that was pregnant with the fate of the world.

Failed in Effort. illimately be admitted, and in setting up natchinery by which he believes s in future will be made improb-or impossible. This, his greatest mith, would have been impossible bout the stendfast support of Great air. triumph, would have been im But Great Britain, without America.

against the jealousies and suspicions

4. He failed—as did all his colleagues separately and collectively—to bring about a working agreement between the various new and old nations in central and eastern Europe for the free passage of food and raw materials. 2. He succeeded in forcing through the "mandate" project, whereby for annexation of semi-civilized or savage countries is substituted control by

The sad conditions of starvation

on December 27.

The Peace is an Anglo-American peace, in its essentials, and it was on December 27 that the President won to his support the country which of all those among the allies was until that date the most reserved in approval of the Wilson policies.

Accept 14 Points.

After the armistice, Englishmen every directlized that the allies in form had portance. accepted the fourteen points as a basis of peace. But Britain at the Supreme War Council in October Wilson had said, what Lloyd George Wilson basis of peace excepted that her assent to the

on the continent lost no time in exploiting England's alarm, and while the President was preparing to cross the ocean there was an important conference in Downing street between the leading statesmen of Britain, France and Italy, and Marshal Foch.

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Gossip at the time in London drawing-rooms referred to this meeting as the "Continental Alliance" against Wilson. The truth was that the allied chieftains did not know what was in Wilson's mind, and they were badly scared.

Britain was still more upset a few days later by wireless messages from the George Washington to the effect that the President was on his effect that the President was on his way to "literally fight" for the four-way to "literally fight" for the

to deprive her of security, while Italy correctly interpreted the con-

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West amid a storm of criticism from his own people.

School became hysterical.

After a few moments an officer altogether, approached me put his hand on my "We are specifications of the control of the

to London. Those who knew the feel-ing existing in England were on tip-toe with anxiety and apprehension, especially as the President made a

the entire social life of the capital among high and low alike by arriving on a holiday when every Englishman, who can goes out of town. "Most unfortunate visit, sir." said an aged valet in my apartment house. "The King has to remain, sir. He had planned to go to Sandringham to shoot his pheasants, sir." And the feeling that a state welcome must be extended to the American President extended to the American President

27, that he met Lloyd George and the other members of the war cabinet. At the end of that historic day Arthur Balfour was able, with a quiet chuckle, to insinuate an "I told you so" to his colleagues, for it has been Balfour all along, who, from his knowledge of the President's mind gained during his American trip in. 1917, refused to believe any of the anti-British sentiments attributed in Lon

Nations Agree. Two days later in his Downing street residence Lloyd George assured a group of American correspondents "who had been brought over from Paris "America and Britain are at one upon every point." That statement was true, and meant vastly more than most of his hearers then suppased.

posed.

It meant that the President had reached an understanding within forty-eight hours with the statesmen of Brit ain that completely cleared away misunderstandings and fears that had led Engiand to seek counsel with France and Italy a few days before. The "Continental Alliance," insofar as any

A CRAZY MONK BUILT THIS



Reports have it that the Russian Reds have no use for churches. Perhaps this fantastic structure is the reason. It was built by a mad monk at Moscow in the sixteenth century. Ivan, the Terrible, put out the eyes of the designer so he would never do another like it. There's a chapel under each dome and walls so thick the doorway are like tunnels, and the passages like richly frescoed catacombs.

concerned, had died on December 27. America and Britain, from the first day of the Peace Conference, were to every disputed issue of supreme im-

Wilson basis of peace excepted his on December 27 that changed the

sea views.

Following the armistice, Secretary Daniels and certain American newspapers raised the sea issue, and their utterances were followed in England with a strained attention that could not have been understood in this country at the time.

The British press was unfortunately muzzled on the subject, or Americans would have taken alarm taken and moderated their language.

Secretary Daniels by statements what Britons thought it meant, I do the seas' as contingent upon President what Changed the course of history.

None of them are sufficiently plausible to be worth repeating. The main thing that did happen was that President withing that president withing th

issue, was regarded by the British as a great victory. It implies, they believe, the virtual abandonment of the garding the rights of neutral com-merce in war time and the limitations And Britain has paid in full for the

life, when I quarreled with the little boy placed in my charge and the undeserved spanking I got from his mother stood out very prominently in my mind. It was my first act of self-assertion. I rebelled and escaped. \* \* Then there was the jump into the Ob. It almost acemed that it was not I who sought relief in its cold, deep waters from the ugly Afanasi. But I wished that I had been drowned then, rather than die such a death. \* \* concession, backing up Wilso the limit of her powers in every issue that has come forward in Parts, pulling even one of her own dominions in line with American policy on the

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## The Amazing Story of Maria Botchkareva Leader of the Russian Battalion of Death

Knelt and Prayed.

"Well, we will follow you in an hour or two," those who were left behind said bravely.

aggerated idealism attributed by men was alone sufficient to pierce posed of about one hundred men, some of whom were sailors, others meant that the President would seek

Knelt and Prayed. Guards.

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for burial, if you wish. Or you can lask for other favors."

The supense of waiting was as cruel as anything else about the place. Every officer's face wore an expression of implacable harted for that brute of a man, Pugatchov. Never have I seen a more blood-thirsty pervert. I did not think that such a man was to be found in Russia.

The waiting wore me out soon and fell again on my knees, praying to the little leon, and crying to eaven: "God, when have I sinned to earn ich a death? Why should I die te a deg, without burial, without priest, with no funeral? And who il take care of my mother? She il expire when she learns of my length of the soldiers burial to see the support of personal to the least interested spectator of the head that Botchkareva would have to be shot, but not necessarily now and with this group." A ray of hope was lit in my soul. "Nothing of the sort!" Pugatchov she of the head discussion was myself the officers followed the argument to earn the a death? Why should I die te a deg, without burial, without priest, with no funeral? And who il take care of my mother? She il expire when she learns of my length of the sort of the sort of the present at your results and that Botchkareva would have to be shot, but not necessarily now and with this group." A ray of hope was lit in my soul. "Nothing of the sort!" Pugatchov sawled angrely. "What is the matter here? Why the postponement? The list is always to be found in the cave of the seen a more of the sort!" Pugatchov should be a death? Why should I die to a death?



gazed at the laces of our execution-ers, scrutinizing their features. It was hard to distinguish in them signs of humanity. They were Russian soldiers turned inhuman. The lines in their faces were those

in the little grocery store of Nasta-sia Leontievna; the affair with La-zov; my marriage to Botchkarev; Yasha; the three years of war;

they all passed through my imagi-nation, some incidents strangely

nation, some incidents strangely gripping my interest for a moment or two, others flitting by hastily. Somehow that episode of my early life, when I quarreled with the little hov placed in

CHAPTER XIX.
SAVED BY A MIRACLE.
The investigation committee finaly appeared in the distance. Perukhin was leading the

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ind he come to the Congress information and gave ground because

han Woodrow Wilson.

Those major successes won by the trine of the "freedom of the seas."

I. He abandoned completely his doctrine of the "freedom of the seas."

By this surrender he won-the support of suspicious, alarmed Britain to most of the rest of his program. I give below from personal observation and discussion the story of the "conver-

eat Britain, without America, in a position even to attempt the league idea into effect the jealousies and suspicions e and Italy.

President.

2. He modified very decidedly his views concerning the transfer of populations without their consent from one country to another in consenting to French control of the Saar coal regions.

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2. He modified very decidedly his views concerning the transfer of mystery brought about a strained situation that lasted several weeks.

The foes of America peace ideals on the continent lost no time in exploiting England's alarm, and while

Monday---The Best Bargain Day of the

and Marshal Foch

his own people.

It was on Boxing Day, the traditional British holiday on the morrow

are dying for a righteous cause. Be "What a pleasure!" he rubbed his

bad start.
Misled by those around him who should have known better, he upset the entire social life of the capital upset the boliday plans, not only of the royal family, but of 1,000,000 others. The President came, received his historic welcome from the crowds, and disappeared from public view

ice. It was the next morning, December

effect that the President was on his such an inexpensive way of obtainteen points, by statements from the same source that the "freedom of the seas" was a cardinal point in his policies, and by what were regarded in London as the wantonly provocative speeches of Daniels.

France, too, feared that the expensive way of obtainting them!

Tears streamed down my checks.
"Don't cry!" he urged me. "We happed there. As we approached the place, the figure of Pugatchov, marching about with a triumphant face, came into sight. He was in farewell. The parting among the aggerated idealism attributed here.

field between the fourteen points and her aims in the Adriatic.

Continental Alliance.

Accordingly the phrase "Continental Alliance" was not far wide of the mark.

So in the middle of December the diplomatic situation looked dark for Wilson and America. Alarmed by what they thought to be our vague, impractical and utopian plans, the European allies had felt compelled to take, counsel together as to how to withstand this mysterious school withstand this mysterious school

"We are waiting for the commit-tee." Pugatchov explained the delay

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